(b) if so, the details thereof indicating when the campus would start functioning, the annual intake of students and the total investment likely to be made in the venture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (b) The Indian Institute of Management (MM), Bangalore is only examining the feasibility of having its centre in Singapore and all other details in this connection are yet to be worked out.

Educational institutes for the minority and backward community

117. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to start educational institutions exclusively for the minority and backward community girl students and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of schools proposed to be set up and the norms if any, worked out for setting up of such schools; and

(c) whether Government have identified any places in Kerala to start these schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Government of India has launched a new scheme in August, 2004 called Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) for setting up 750 residential schools at upper primary level for girls belonging predominantly to the SC, ST, OBC and minorities in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) where, as per census data of 2001, the female literacy is below the national average and gender gap in literacy is more than the national average. The scheme is being implemented in 21 eligible States. 750 KGBV have been approved and an amount of Rs. 120.50 crore has been released by the Government of India (till December, 2005).

(c) The State of Kerala is not covered under the Scheme.